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"Let us go on unto Perfection."

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## PRAYER PROMPTLY ANSWERED.

WALNUT RIDGE, ARK., August 4—This town is all excitement over the terrible answer that was made to a prayer at a camp meeting near the town Wednesday night. The weather is warm, and the people have built an arbor in a grove, and revival meetings are being held in it. Great interest has been manifested, and this fact has added to the zeal. As Rev. Robinson a local preacher of strong lungs, was praying, he asked the Lord to bless them now with rain, saying:

"Lord, come down now and pour out a blessing of some nature upon us; one of such a nature as we can remember: one that we can feel certain that it is from you, and come now."

Here the prayer stopped, not because the "Amen" was reached, but because a flash of lightning came down with a roar of ten or more cannon, shattering a huge tree near by, scattering its branches over the audience, knocking some senseless, wounding others and frightening all, most of the audience believing that the end of the world had come. They had scarcely recovered from the shock when such a volume of water came down as to almost drown them.

This would not seem so peculiar were it not for the fact that until the flash of lightning no cloud was visible and stars were shining brightly everywhere; but at that moment a small coffin-shaped cloud hovered over the audience, and from it came the deluge of water.

Your correspondent has talked with many that were present, and they all unite in saying that the sky was clear and that no cloud was visible till after the crash; then the coffin-shaped cloud hovered over them. The lightning stroke was heard several miles away and the small cloud was noticed, but no water fell except in a small area of the camping ground.

It was a remarkable occurrence, and, whether it came in wrath or as a blessing, it broke up the meeting, and but few of those present can be induced to go near the ground again. Those who have examined the ground think that not less than fifteen inches of water fell, and that in less than five minutes.

## ANARCHIST AND ANARCHISM.

In the United States there has grown up an American anarchism not unlike its European prototype, altogether as hideous in character and quite as dangerous in its elements. It was the infamy of anarchism which burned in the soul of Booth when he murdered President Lincoln twenty-nine years ago, and so it was with Guiteau when sixteen years later he caused President Garfield to fall by the assassin's hand. These are the two notable cases in American history which confirm the recent tragedy in France but they are not the only anarchist outrages which have been committed within our borders. The red flag of Anarchy led the Haymarket rioters in Chicago in 1886. It was an anarchist who made an attempt on the life of manager Frick of the Carnegie steel works two years ago during the progress of the Homestead strike because he was bold enough to defend his rights and resist the destruction of vast property interests. Less than a year ago Prendergast fired the fatal bullet which struck down the mayor of Chicago in his own home; the deed of a disappointed office seeker committed under the mask of insanity but really in obedience to the blind dictates of anarchy.

But anarchism does not content itself with the assassination of public men. It would utterly annihilate all government, tear assunder the integral parts which form the social structure, and consuming all property, nullifying all law, and destroying social peace, cause civilization to be a hollow mockery and social existence but a mere shadow across the pathway of time. For three months anarchy in its worst form has made itself manifest continuously, more or less, in the United States. We have to-day an American anarchism from which the mask has been lifted. That is an event worth noting in our history. Now it remains for the American people to rise in

their might and exterminate the monster, and for this the times are propitious.

Plainly and fortunately the nations of the world are not now in this plight. Liberty will not be restricted, much less surrendered. Organized society is thoroughly able to cope with the pressing enemy. The lesson of the times is to begin the work of exterminating anarchy at once. It must be destroyed.—Editor's Outlook in *The Chautauquan* for August.

## THE WHOLE ARMOR OF GOD.

An able writer gives us these pointed suggestions:

I. *What makes this armor necessary?* We have a mighty enemy to withstand. II. Notice the armor itself—the girdle is truth—the breastplate is righteousness—the helmet, Salvation—the sandals are the preparation of the Gospel of peace—these are for *wearing*. For *wielding* there is the shield of faith, and the sword, the word of God. Conclusion: (1.) This armor is God's, not ours; (2.) We are to put it on; (3.) We are to put on the whole of it; (4.) The result of putting it on—security, comfort, victory.

And, we have in connection with these suggestions, this incident:

"It is reported by the poets of Achilles, the Grecian captain, that his mother, being warned by the oracle, dipped him—being a child—in the river Lethe, to prevent any danger that might ensue by reason of the Trojan war; but Paris, his inveterate enemy, understanding also by the oracle that he was impenetrable all over his body, except the heel, or small part of his leg, which his mother held him by when she dipped him, took his advantage, shot him in the heel, and killed him. Thus every Christian ought to be armed with the whole armor of God. For the devil will be sure to hit the least part that he finds unarmed; if it be the eye, he will dart in at that casement by the presentation of one lewd object or other; if it be the ear, he will force that door open by bad counsel; if the tongue, that shall be made a world of mischief; if the feet, they shall be swift to go in wrong paths."

Wherefore it behooves us to give good heed to the injunction: "Put on the whole armor of God," and thus panoplied we shall be able to "quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one."